

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2005
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bruce Henning, Phoenix, Chair
*Avondale: Cindy Blackmore
#Chandler: Shereen Sepulveda
*Gila River Indian Community:
Candice Bell
Gilbert: Bill Hancock
Glendale: Norm Gumenik
#Goodyear: John Acosta
*Litchfield Park: Luke Gutierrez
Mesa: Craig Smith for Will Black
Peoria: Jesse Duarte
Paradise Valley: Andrew Cooper
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian
Community: Randal Watkins
for B. Bobby Ramirez
Scottsdale: James Livingston

*Surprise: Janet Ramsay
*Tempe: Oliver Ncube
*Tolleson: Mark Berrelez
Wickenburg: Harry Parsi
*Maricopa County: Ash Madhok
*Pinnacle West Capital: Barbara Lockwood
*Salt River Project: Dan Casiraro
*Solid Waste Association of North America:
Mark Powell
Valley Forward Association: Don Cassano
*Arizona Clean and Beautiful:
Leandra Lewis
#Arizona Chamber of Commerce:
David Wallis

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
#Attended by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

OTHERS PRESENT

#Gila Bend: Lynn Farmer
Resource Recovery Techniques of Arizona:
Brian Bidelsbach
Town of Queen Creek:
Mark Young
Citizen Representative:
Douglas Nelson

Glennie Reporting Services: Dawna J. Boswell
Maricopa Association of Governments:
Craig Chenery
Maricopa Association of Governments:
Brenda Day

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Solid Waste Advisory Committee was conducted on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Bruce Henning, Chair, City of Phoenix, called the meeting to order.

2. Agenda Announcements

Chair Henning provided an opportunity for members to share announcements with the group. No announcements were provided.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Henning provided an opportunity for members of the public to address the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. No members of the public wished to comment.

4. Approval of the November 3, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the November 3, 2004 meeting. Harry Parsi, Town of Wickenburg, moved and Norm Gumenik, City of Glendale, seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

5. Public Hearing - Draft Revision of the MAG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan with Errata Changes Incorporated

Chair Henning opened the public hearing on the Draft Revision of the MAG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan with Errata Changes Incorporated. He indicated that Brenda Day, MAG staff, would provide an overview of the project and participants would be invited to make comments for the public record. He indicated that a court reporter is present to provide an official record of the hearing, and written comments would also be welcome. He indicated that those wishing to speak should fill out a card and provide it to MAG staff.

Ms. Day provided an overview of the Draft Revision of the MAG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. She provided a history of MAG solid waste management planning activities since 1979. The purpose of the MAG Plan is to provide guidance for systems level regional solid waste management planning, and prevent adverse public and environmental health impacts from improper disposal. The Committee has participated at critical points in plan development with review of the scope of work, a major survey, and the July 2004 draft plan document. On November 3, 2004, the Committee authorized MAG to conduct a public hearing on the Draft Plan Revision with Errata Changes Incorporated. Throughout the plan revision process, MAG jurisdictions were provided the opportunity to review and indicate their preferences. Data was collected through a major survey, interviews with solid waste professionals, and municipal web sites.

Ms. Day indicated that major changes since the 1993 MAG Plan include major population growth, new Federal and State solid waste regulations, and growth in the number of municipal facilities and integrated waste management programs. The plan encompasses existing and planned landfills, transfer facilities, combined materials recovery/transfer facilities, materials recovery facilities and waste tire collection sites. The City of Tempe has a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility and both the City of Chandler and the Town of Gilbert are planning a facility. Landfills and transfer facilities in nearby Pinal County are also included in the MAG plan, as requested by member agencies.

Ms. Day indicated that changes regarding waste management programs in the region are included in the plan update. Since the early 1990's the number of municipal curbside recycling programs increased from four to twelve, and drop off programs increased from six to seventeen. In 1993, five municipalities jointly conducted an annual household hazardous waste collection event, and by 2002, fifteen municipalities had their own program with single or multiple collection events.

Ms. Day indicated that the MAG member agencies identified future solid waste management needs including illegal dumping, electronic waste and waste containing regulated substances, and encouraging businesses to identify waste reduction activities. The regional goals for recycling, composting and landfilling are identified by the member agencies in the plan update.

Ms. Day indicated that a responsiveness summary will be prepared for any public comments provided on the draft plan revision. It is anticipated that, on January 25, 2005, the Committee will be requested to consider any public comments received and recommend approval of the plan revision to the MAG Management Committee. It is anticipated that the MAG Management Committee would be requested to make a recommendation to the MAG Regional Council on February 9, 2005. On February 23, 2005, it is anticipated that the MAG Regional Council may take action on the draft plan revision. The final plan would be transmitted to ADEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Ms. Day indicated that questions from the Committee were welcome.

Chair Henning invited public comments on the draft plan revision and provided a reminder regarding the need to fill out a card. No members of the public wished to provide comment. Chair Henning closed the public hearing and called for adjournment of the Committee meeting.